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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Masahito Niikawa	)	Group Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/291,066	)	Examiner: James M. Hannett
Filed: April 14, 1999	)	Confirmation No.: 1637
For: PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS	)	
HAVING DISPLAY FOR DISPLAY	)	
OF A NETWORK AND NETWORK	)	
SYSTEM	)	

**LETTER REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On November 15, 2004, at the undersigned's request, the Examiner faxed to the undersigned an Advisory Action having a mailing date of November 12, 2004. Because the Advisory Action indicated two different periods for reply by Applicant (see the cover sheet and page 11), the undersigned contacted Examiner and requested clarification as to which reply period currently applies.

During the interview, the Examiner stated, as summarized on page 3 of the Interview Summary faxed on November 16, 2004, that the paragraph at the end of the Advisory stating: "A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE-MONTHS from the mailing of this action," was inadvertently added to the Advisory and that the period for reply expires three months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

It is to be noted, however, that Applicant's filed a Petition for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal on August 16, 2004. Hence, it is believed the Examiner

meant to point out checked box No. 1 on the Advisory Action cover sheet, which states: "A Notice of Appeal was filed on 16 August 2004. Applicant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal." It is hoped that this letter clarifies the current status of this application. If the Examiner disagrees with this interpretation, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below to resolve any ambiguities he perceives remaining in connection with the current status for reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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